

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended) A biaxially oriented film comprising;  
at least two layers including a film layer A of a polymer alloy  
composed of at least one of polyethylene terephthalate or  
poly(ethylene-2, 6-naphthalenedicarboxylate) (polymer 1) and a  
polyetherimide (polymer 2) as essential components, and a base  
layer B;

said film layer A being laminated as an outermost layer to the  
base layer B;

wherein a content  $W_A$  (% by weight) of the polymer 2 of the  
film layer A and a content  $W_B$  (% by weight) of the polymer 2 of the  
base layer B satisfy the following relations:

$$\underline{0 \leq W_B \leq 40}$$

$$\underline{5 \leq W_A \leq 50}$$

$$\underline{10 \leq W_A - W_B \leq 40; \text{ and}}$$

wherein micro protrusions having a height of 2 to 50 nm are formed  
at a density of 1,000,000 to 90,000,000/mm<sup>2</sup> on ~~at least one~~ an  
outer surface of the film layer A.

2. (original) A biaxially oriented film according to  
Claim 1, wherein the number of the micro protrusions is 3,000,000  
to 60,000,000/mm<sup>2</sup>.

3. (previously presented) A biaxially oriented film according to Claim 1, wherein the height of the micro protrusions is 2 to 30 nm.

4. (original) A biaxially oriented film according to Claim 1, wherein at least some of the micro protrusions are made of the polymer 1 or the polymer 2.

5. (original) A biaxially oriented film according to Claim 4, wherein 30% or more of the micro protrusions are made of the polymer 1 or the polymer 2.

6. (original) A biaxially oriented film according to Claim 1, wherein the polymer 2 has a higher glass transition temperature (T<sub>g</sub>) than the polymer 1.

7. (original) A biaxially oriented film according to Claim 1, wherein the polymer 2 has compatibility with the polymer 1.

8-10. (canceled)

11. (original) A biaxially oriented film according to Claim 1, wherein the polymer 1 comprises polyethylene terephthalate.

12. (original) A biaxially oriented film according to Claim 1, wherein the number of the protrusions having a height of 50 nm or more is 3000/mm<sup>2</sup> or less.

13. (original) A biaxially oriented film according to Claim 1, wherein the number of the protrusions having a height of 30 nm or more is 1500/mm<sup>2</sup> or less.

14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) A biaxially oriented film according to ~~Claim 14~~ Claim 1 comprising another film ~~(C-layer)~~ layer C laminated as the opposite outermost layer to form a laminated structure comprising at least three layers including the film layer A ~~layer~~, the base layer B ~~layer~~ and the film layer C ~~layer~~.

16. (currently amended) A biaxially oriented film according to Claim 15, wherein a surface roughness  $Ra_A$  on the film layer A

~~layer~~ side is 0.2 to 10 nm, a surface roughness  $Ra_c$  on the film  
layer C ~~layer~~ side is 1 to 30 nm, and  $Ra_c$  is larger than  $Ra_A$ .

17. (currently amended) A biaxially oriented film according to ~~Claim 14~~ Claim 1, wherein the base layer ~~(B-layer)~~ B comprises the polymer 1 or the polymer alloy composed of the polymer 1 and the polymer 2.

18. (currently amended) A biaxially oriented film according to ~~Claim 14~~ Claim 1, wherein the number of the protrusions having a height of 50 nm or more on the film layer A ~~layer~~ side surface is 3000/mm<sup>2</sup> or less.

19. (currently amended) A biaxially oriented film according to ~~Claim 14~~ Claim 1, wherein the number of the protrusions having a height of 30 nm or more on the film layer A ~~layer~~ side surface is 1500/mm<sup>2</sup> or less.

20. (canceled)

21. (currently amended) A biaxially oriented film according to ~~Claim 14~~ Claim 1, wherein the content  $W_A$  (% by weight) of the

polymer 2 of the film layer A ~~layer~~ and the content  $W_B$  (% by weight) of the polymer 2 of the base layer B ~~layer~~ satisfies the following relations:

$$0 \leq W_B \leq 25$$

$$25 \leq W_A \leq 40$$

$$10 \leq W_A - W_B \leq \del{40} \underline{40}.$$

22. (currently amended) A biaxially oriented film according to ~~Claim 14~~ Claim 1, wherein the film layer A ~~layer~~ contains substantially no inert ~~particle~~ particles.

23. (currently amended) A biaxially oriented film according to ~~Claim 14~~ Claim 1, wherein the film layer A ~~layer~~ contains 0.001 to 2% by weight of inert particles having an average particle diameter of 0.01 to 2  $\mu\text{m}$ .

24. (currently amended) A biaxially oriented film according to Claim 23, wherein the film layer A ~~layer~~ contains 0.01 to 1% by weight of inert particles having an average particle diameter of 0.01 to 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

25 - 26. (canceled)

27. (previously presented) A magnetic recording medium comprising a biaxially oriented film according to Claim 1, and a magnetic layer provided on one side of the biaxially oriented film.

28. (original) A magnetic recording medium according to Claim 27, wherein the magnetic layer comprises a ferromagnetic metal thin film.

29. (original) A magnetic recording medium according to Claim 27, wherein the magnetic layer comprises a ferromagnetic metal fine powder dispersed in a binder.

30. (previously presented) A biaxially oriented film according to Claim 2, wherein the height of the micro protrusions is 2 to 30 nm.

31. (currently amended) A biaxially oriented film according to Claim 15, wherein the film layer C ~~layer~~ comprises a polyester.

32. (currently amended) A biaxially oriented film according to Claim 15, wherein the film layer C ~~layer~~ comprises the same polymer as the base layer B ~~layer~~.